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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicants : Hiroki NAKAMURA)

Serial No. : 09/625,178)

Filed : July 25, 2000)

For : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

Attorney Ref. : F98ED0762)

**PETITION TO RESTART
PERIOD FOR REPLY**

January 30, 2002

ATTENTION: GROUP DIRECTOR

Assistant Commission for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL
ATTORNEY EXAMINER**

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply to the Examiner's Action mailed December 28, 2001 be reset and restarted to January 30, 2002. Delivery of the Examiner's Action was delayed after mailing.

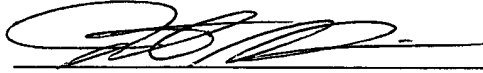
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As evidenced by the attached copy of the Examiner's Action, which is date stamped January 30, 2002, the date of receipt of the Examiner's Action at the correspondence address given below was January 30, 2002. Thus, since (1) this Petition is being filed within 2 weeks of the date of receipt of the Examiner's Action at said correspondence address; (2) a substantial portion of the set reply period had already elapsed on the date of receipt (at least one month); and (3) this Petition includes the necessary evidence showing the date of receipt of the PTO action at said correspondence address, together with the required statement setting forth the date of receipt of the PTO action at said correspondence address and which explains how the presented evidence establishes the date of receipt of the PTO action at said correspondence address, it is requested that this Petition be granted, and that the period for response be restarted to begin on January 30, 2002.

It is not believed that any fee is due for such a Petition. However, authorization is given to charge our deposit account number 50-0945 for any fees that may be due for such Petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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